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From The Dean

We are approaching the end of the academic year with excitement.

Our first annual report which was published several months ago overviewed and articulated our financial condition, which remains "on track" for a successful transition from red to black. With our financial house on stable ground, our various task forces have been busy in bringing forth the recommendations for necessary changes to accomplish our strategic goals.

Already the vision of a strengthened focus on equine sports medicine and sports physiology has begun to take shape with an examination of our facilities at New Bolton Center and the acquisition of a high speed treadmill.

The task forces examining the opportunities for streamlining our curriculum into readily accessible majors are well along their way in making recommendations for change.

The opening and full utilization of the Graham French Neonatal Section of the

Connelly Intensive Care Unit has renewed our spirits and optimism for what can yet be accomplished in other areas.

At long last the planning for the Mark W. Atlam Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research facility is underway with hopes for an initiation of construction in June of this year.

We have had a marvelous beginning to our calendar year with well over \$1 million in gifts with the first few months. All these positive signs speak well for our future as we have now entered the final decade of this Century. The next several years will indeed be filled with excitement and substance as we lay a new foundation for the Century ahead.

I and the School welcome your continued moral and financial support as well as your wise counsel for our future directions. Now—the fun begins!

The Best regards,

Edwin J. Andrews V.M.D., Ph.D.

Kleberg Fellowships Awarded



Dr. John C. Fyfe and Dr. Bruce F. Smith have been named Kleberg Fellows in Medical Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. The fellowships, established in 1989 by the Robert J. Kleberg, Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation, support a postdoctoral research training program in medical genetics for veterinarians.

The objective of the program is to attract and train talented veterinary scientists in genetics research, emphasizing those fields which provide the greatest potential to advance the understanding, treatment, and prevention of diseases in which genes play a major role. Because of their broad education in the biological medical sciences and their direct involvement in the health and productivity of animals, veterinarians are ideally suited to play a major role in research into the basic mechanisms involved in genetic disease, gene therapy, identification and engineering of genes that will be important in producing disease resistance.

This postdoctoral program is the first of its kind in any veterinary school in the world, and will have a significant effect on the long-term course on the profession of veterinary medicine and on knowledge concerning the mechanisms and treatment of genetic

diseases in animals and human beings. Additional fellowships will be offered to veterinarians with outstanding academic records and demonstrated talent in areas basic to the field of genetics.

Dr. Fyfe is a graduate of Oregon State University where he received his D.V.M. degree in 1984. Dr. Smith received his V.M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988.

Individuals interested in this program should contact Dr. G. Aguirre, Section of Medical Genetics, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, 3800 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104



Dr. Evan L. Stubbs (V'11), the School's oldest living graduate, celebrated his 100th birthday on January 3. Sixteen of his colleagues and friends organized a surprise birthday party. Dr. Jack McGrath, emeritus professor of pathology, offered a toast, following which Drs. Leon Saunders, William Boucher, David Oetwiler and Israel Live reminisced about their careers and how Dr. Stubbs had influenced them. Shown here is Dr. Stubbs receiving a ceremonial volume of the National Geographic Society from Dr. Alan Kelly, acting chairman of department of pathology.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Open

The Graham French Neonatal Section at New Bolton Center opened its doors to patients early in March. Under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Palmer and Dr. Wendy Vaala who are assisted by a specially trained staff, critically ill large animal neonates are cared for in this state-of-the-art facility.

The spacious, brightly lit five-stall unit can be divided to accommodate seven foals and three stags. Equipped with piped-in oxygen, compressed air, heated floors, special ventilators, and sophisticated heart monitors it enables our clinicians to provide intensive care for these critically ill neonates on a larger scale than previously possible. The large treatment area allows clinicians to observe foals taking the first tentative steps on non-skid rubber flooring.

A central nursing station aides in the observation of all seriously ill patients on a 24-hour basis. Required blood work and other tests are performed in an on site laboratory.

In May the Connelly Intensive Care Unit will open for adult patients. This facility is connected by monorail to the C. Mahlon Kline Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Center, permitting the easy transport of critically ill patients to their stalls. This unit too has a large treatment area. After the foaling season, stalls in neonatal unit can be used to accommodate seriously ill adult patients, expanding the ICU facilities to 11 stalls.

